Regeneration of Political Parties the Task of Voters Rank and File **Must Correct** Official Ills

Wrongs of 'Pork Barrel' Legislation Often Traced to People Who Instruct Their Leaders What to Do

Uplift Is Sadly Needed

Officeholders Deserve To Be Removed From the Category of "Schemers"

To the Editor of The Tribune.

physicians or tachers, those of us who are not cynics think of people whose lives are spent in unselfish service to humanity. If we speak of politicians even the non-cynical is inclined to think of a selfish, scheming man, who is in terested only in his own enrichment, fame or power, and who does things that are useful to others only when

Why should politician mean anything more than a man who devotes his life to service of his country in the political field? Yet the meaning of the word has become such that we hesitate to apply it to Lincoln, Roosevelt or other great men.

We are inclined to blame political Seaders for this condition. Yet we ourselves, the rank and file of the political parties, are really to blame. The poli-Heians reflect our attitude as voters.

Fell Laid to Neglect in Training Her Children in Essential Problems

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sit: One of the most important problems of Imperial Germany was to keep the fact that to do it he had to vote for "pork" for all the other localities.

While we are telling the political leaders what we would like to have them do, it is fitting that we, the rank and file of the Republican party, should discuss and decide what we can do. We must learn to look at political questions from the standpoint of the good of the whole country. We must make our opinions broader on all subjects.

Let us not listen to the pessimist who tells us that politicians have aiways been corrupt and self-seeking and always will be. Let us look forward confidently to improvement of the situation. We cannot get better things unless we expect them. If the majority of the rank and file will do these things, the professional politicians will no longer mean a scheming, self-seeking indivival, but a noble, broad-minded man, giving his time and tabor to the service of his country.

ARETAS A. SAUNDERS.

War or No War,

Universal Training

System Is Demanded

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I hope there will come a time

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so adequately control our national government. ROBERT W. SCRANTON. 160 Portsea Street, New Haven, Conn.

U. S. Burdened With Workers

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Within three years the num her of civil employees on the Federal government's payrolls has mounted from 480,000 to 650,000.

Increased production and governmental economy are two of the outstanding needs of the day. Both these possibilities are forestalled to a very appreciable degree by the drain on the public treasury occasioned by at least 150,000 workers unproductively employed.

Whether or not we are still tech nically at war, almost any employee of one of the war-time boards will testify that the amount of business now being done is negligible. Aside from the economic perversion, we must watch for unwholesome moral results; people occupying sinecures grow averse to strenuous work and unfit for the positions they will have

to fill in the future. If the government takes proper action to consolidate its bureaus and to discharge unnecessary workers, no memployment danger need be feared. The demands of industry would be entirely adequate to absorb many thousands of newcomers, and would

help restore the peace time basis that is precedent to reconstruction J. W. FRIEDMAN. 26 New York Avenue, Brooklyn.

To-Day's Prize Letter

National System to Regulate Highways Demanded

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: So numerous and far-reaching are the benefits to be derived from good roads that it would here be impossible even to enumerate them. Persons of intelligence are, however, quite aware that these benefits are of such extent and such importance that good roads have been listed with the home, the school and the church is among agencies fundamental for the welfare of hu-

Experts agree that centralization of authority and of responsibility is a factor common to all successful road systems of history. Conspicuous examples of this are familiar in the Roman system of ancient times and in the French system of modern times. A second common factor of these and other successful systems has been the consistent application of special knowledge and special skill to matters of road construction and main-

In the United States we have, for the construction and maintenance of public highways, a policy-system it cannot be called-of extreme localization, and such work, save in the cases of a certain few state highways departments, is commonly intrusted to persons of no special qualifications. The result is what we all know to be: waste of public funds and prevailing poor roads.

Under this policy officials of counties, townships and other small units are commonly independent of supervision and free to act as little or as ignorantly as they

may choose. Under this policy states differ widely as to methods of construction, materials used and general management of upkeep; even adjoining states essay no

manner of agreement or converation.

Under this policy the lureau of Public Roads of the United States Government (this bureau being merely a subdivision of the Department of Agriculture) is restricted to research work, consultation and recommenda-

The Republican party should declare itself for a Federal office of public roads, for the delegation to that office of powers definitely greater than those of the present bureau, especially with relation to the construction and maintenance of interstate "trunk lines"; for an attempt toward increased uniformity in highways matters among the states; for proper supervision of the road work in counties, townships and other small units at the instance of local officials and by means of local funds.

It should declare itself for an intelligent modern program of highway development throughout the United States. Recent data show that Massachusetts, the state with the highest percentage of surfaced roads in proportion to total mileage, has but 48.8 per cent of such roads; that twenty-one states have less than 10 per cent of such roads; that Oklahoma and South Dakota actually have but seven-tenths of 1 per cent and eight-tenths of 1 per cent, respectively. This and all other evidence reveals the urgent need of highways improvement.

Educational System Warns of Haste In United States Needs a Stimulant

Pitfalls Into Which Germany Fell Laid to Neglect in Training Her Children

Laws Blamed for High Cost
To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: As a potent remedy for the present high cost of living it should be announced that not until production increases pro rata with the extraordinary cost of labor will rents, food, etc., be cheaper, for present conditions are the direct result of an economic law,—
William West Bradbeer.

the most unjustified criticism of her motives, she swent unfallingly on to a prejudiced impediment, and where insurrection within her own sex necessarily approaches complete defeat.

Hail them, the new crusaders, and may they ever batter, politically, all corruption that stands in the way, and uphold right always, as they have never failed to do in their domestic roles of wife and mother.

J. R. F.

In Reconstruction

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Fearless before the pretensions of minorities, the majority, conservative, yet progressive, must determine the plan for all to build

Deliberate social control, guided by that recognized plan which a minority may agitate but not impose nor withstand, must frankly eliminate factors perpetuating those economic rewards and punishments which are agreed to be in greater part unearned and undeserved.

It must as frankly demand continuous reconstruction; no faster nor slower than the majority consents, till each income falls within the reasonable limits either of comparative productivity, or of potentenance is viewed as public invest-ment. ELMER CORNELIUS. 227 East Onondage Street, Syra-

for Workers Advocated to It would develop leaders of men. It would promote better physical conditions.

It would promote better physical conditions and compensation to the Editor of The Tribune.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

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All means should be used for peaceful settlement of labor disputes, thus avoiding loss alike to employer and employee and public distress. We recognize the right of "labor to organize and to strike.

We declare for a basic eight-hourday, minimum wage, employers' liability, a wage affording a good living, a protective tariff, arbitration and profitsharing.

We favor government employment agencies, safety appliances, sick benefit and old age pensions. We are against Oriental immigration or low-grade foreign immigrants; against contract and convict labor. Long-time loans to build homes should be given.

A. M. LONGEMAKER.

1618 West La Salle Street, Chicago.

Let us not forget that the greater glory in her achievement will always rest with woman since in the face of the most unjustified criticism of her motives, she swept unfailingly on to a point where registance is now merely a

business methods. The Progressives of the last two political campaigns can be brought back into line only by evidences unequivocal that the Republican party has had a genuine change of heart and is prepared to place principles above party. Than Principles Planks, but Those Few trong and Definite, Are required; Able Leaderhip Is Most Important The Editor of The Tribune. Among the planks approach by the planks with a planks with the plant of the publican party will declare for a platform which will satisfy them and will put up a candidate strong enough to insure Times Said to Call For Action Rather

Few Planks, but Those Few Strong and Definite, Are Required; Able Leadership Is Most Important

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Among the planks proposed by Tribune readers for the Republican platform are some which stand out as embodying essential principles. These are: The suggestions for investigating and honestly endeavoring to reduce the excessive cost of living; for promoting industrial harmony (involving the question of incorporating the labor unions under state laws); for speeding up industry; for ratification of the suffrage amendment; for firmer dealing with aliens and radicals; for enforcement of an international code of laws, and for a pledge to aid France, who stands at the borderland of civili-

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history and our aspirations; quick and fearless action—these are the legacies of Roosevelt and the demands of our

Revolution?

Of Voters Open To Persuasion Estranged Democrats, Women and ex-Progressives

Three Classes

Those to Whom Republicans Must Appeal

Platform Means Much

Efficiency, Honesty and Economy Essentials on Which Party Must Stand

o the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The Republican party goes to

he polls next November with an opportunity and a responsibility of which it ust be fully aware: The present administration has

stranged thousands of its own political faith and these men will be slow to return to the Democratic ranks if the which is pledged to honest, modern,

which will saitsly them and will put up a candidate strong enough to insure for himself and his administration a degree of freedom from any party dominance there is every hope for a Republican victory in November.

RUTH M. STARRETT.

Patriots Made In Our Schools

Training of Youth Held Only Way to Promote True Americanization To the Editor of The Tribune.

Full Dinner Pail Is Defended As Motto of Republican Party

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Derision has frequently been leveled at the Republican party because of its championship of the "full dinner pail." While it would be gross materialism to declars that people think only

in terms of bread and butter, yet, I believe, it cannot be gainsaid that the empty stomach has a profound influence on the brain. The pinch of hunger always has been the spark that set afire the powder of revolt, even though discontent from numerous other causes smoldered for years and years. Need I cite Russia, or Germany, or even the French

The spirit of altruism that finds its reward in the noble work it performs is most pronounced in the teachers of our schools and universities. What other has been the curse of this exodus from the teaching profession if not the niggardly salaries? The germ of radicalism and intemperate thinking is to be found in the empty stomach. I hope the Republican party will ever be the champion

Survey of 4,656 Planks

The following is a record by issues of the planks submitted in the eleven weeks of The Tribune's Republican Platform Contest, arranged according to votes cast for each issue:

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Some Suggested Planks

Republican party will, in good faith, Among the mass of suggestions for planks in the Republican promise them a type of administration platform are the following:

all things in the present justly as between man and man we bespeak your hearty cooperation.—Fred N. Parks, Norwich, N. Y.

National Park Extension

Assistance for Mexico

The United States must assist in the setting up of a stable government in Mexico. It must establish such a relation with that government that it

Avoid Foreign Alliances

No Class Legislation

Private-Owned Industry

No Subornation in Office

We maintain that the eath taken by a public official obligates him to regard the interests of all the people that are under his power, and any attempt to bind him to consider first and always the interests of a portion

of the people is subornation of per jury. W. K. C.

Prevalence of Mob Rule

Republican Party Credited

With "Freedom" of Woman

Industrial Democracy

The Republican party stands for industrial democracy. It pledges itself to promote cooperation between labor and capital in stimulating production, eliminating waste and in distributing earned wealth on an equitable basis.—John E. Tyler, 2121 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn.

Suffrage for Women

The Republican party takes pride in the part it has taken to procure an amendment to the Constitution of the United States which grants women suffrage rights equal to those enjoyed by men. Women have fully demonstrated that they are endowed with and possessed of the necessary ability and qualifications to be intrusted with party and public service. We therefore declare that there should be no hesitating step in conferring upon them the same rights, powers, privileges and responsibilities enjoyed by and exacted from the men of our party.—Burt D. Cady, chairman Republican State Central Committee of Michigan.

Waste Must Be Stopped

We pledge ourselves to take firm measures to end the debauch of reck-less and often criminal wastefulness of the funds of the government.— George Lyman Banks, Groveland, Calif. Husbanding of Resources Careful husbanding of the natural resources, as well as close scrutiny of the more important ones, most particularly strict control over the forests and coal mines and lands.—Alvin H. O'Connell, 622 Tacoma Avenue, Portland, Ore.

Promotion of Officials Recognizing the fundamental importance of the individual office-holder and government employee, the Republican party purposes to elect only properly qualified candidates and to effect such revision in regulations that all responsible positions in the government service will be filled by promotions based on merit and not by appointment of political favorites—T. G. H.

Deflation of Currency

Deflation of Currency
The Republican party recognizes with grave concern the high cost of living. We pledge ourselves to a monetary program having for its object currency deflation, by restricting bank or Federal Reserve note lasues on discounted paper, and by increasing our gold reserve. Further, by changing our currency plus credit policy to a production plus economy movement. We also pledge the reduction of our national expenditures.—Jacob Schorr, 1931 West Semerset Street, Philadelphia. Street, Philadelphia.

Room for All

Room for All

The Republican party recognizes the fact that a new era has commenced and that a rendjustment of our governmental methods nust be begun to meet new conditions. The best wisdom of our best minds must be secured if the greatest good to the greatest number is to be the result. Therefore, with a patriotic desire to harmonize by unselfish compromises all conflicting interests, to safeguard the future by a more fostering care for the coming generation and to do

Platform Contest Wins

Platform Contestant Defends "Enforced Citizenship"
To the Editor of The Tribune.

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Their Due Advocated
To the Editor of The Tribune, Store of Citizenship and Composition of the Editor of The Tribune, Store of Citizenship and the Store of Citizenship and Composition of the Citizenship and the Store of Citizenship and Citizenship and the Store of Citizenship and th Individual acts of carelessness common to all civilizations are not here included, but the mob spirit shown in lynchings are in organized opposition to the law and the courts that administer it. The Constitution grants certain rights and privileges to the states, but it cannot be argued that opposition to and violation of Federal law, such as is now being urged in several states, can come under the classification of legitimate state rights.

A. F. F.

tributors and readers into active con-sciousness of real issues at stake for themselves. And what can be more vital now than awaking in Americans the feeling of personal responsibility for their democracy?

If we continue to leave our business to the machine in New York or Albany, in Chicago or San Francisco, our busi-ness and our democracy will fail. Thanks to The Tribune for reminding some of us that democracy's success is some of us that democracy's success ours to make—and enjoy! I. B. R.

Prohib' Urges Dry Referendum To the Editor of The Tribune.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Aside from the question of personal liberty involved, the Republican party should pledge itself to referendum on prohibition in justice to thousands of anti-liquor advocates. These man and women resent the implication that the Eighteenth Amendment was folsted on to the people by trick legislation during the stress of war. Let the majority rule is the sentiment of the average fair-minded person. So put the liquor question to public test. MCENSED PROHIB. of the "full dinner pail" and the augury of prosperity, for therein lieth peace and satisfaction.

ALICE GINSBURG.

To Check High Cost Opposed

Republican Plank Urged
That Will Call for Remedy
in Price Situation With Due Respect to Laws

Abrupt Action

Moderation in Pledges

Paternalism and Socialism Must Be Avoided in Al the Adjustment Plans To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Shall the high cost of living

be an issue in the coming campaign?

Two letters have appeared recently that a cost of living plank is unneces sary and unwise; the other going toe far in the opposite direction and virtually proposing that the Federal gov. ernment be given the power to contre prices. In my opinion, both are wrong In the first place, a national politier issue, obviously, is a question of nation-wide interest, one in respect to which there is difference of opinion be tween parties and one the determination of which falls within the con-

Now, the cost of living, in itself to not such an issue. It is a fact, not de batable. All of us, Democrats and Republicans, experience it-most of us deplore it. But the causes of this ab normal cost of living, and the best curfor the condition, these are disputable

stitutional powers of the Federal gor

With the rapid growth of the population sections of our country which, on account of their natural beauty, should be preserved for the use and pleasure of the general public forever are being encroached upon by private interests and their beauty despoiled. We favor, therefore, the extension of our system of national parks.—H. G. Chase. matters.

But any plank adopted by the Republican party must lay emphasis upon that phrase, "to a certain extent." It must use moderation in imputing blame for the high cost of living to the present Administration, for there are causes for this condition beyond the control of any government either in the wise use or the misuse of its powers. Moreover, it must use moderation in its promises. There are certain things it can do; many things it can things it can do; many things it car

relation with that government that it will control the approaches to our country both by land and by sea, prevent the repetition of past outrages and so control the Pacific that the Western coast will be removed from the influence of any foreign power.—Mrs. R. H. Hankinnsen, McDonough, Ga. not do.

The Republican party has an opportunity to establish a precedent in the manner of platform making. It can be a complet "We believe the manner of platform making. It can say, for example: "We believe that the high cost of living is due to such and such causes. We believe that some of these causes can be removed by such and such legislation. We will not promise a complete cure, for that is beyond our power. There are economic laws which we do not control, and there are individual practice which we do not control. We do not believe in paternalism nor in socialism. We promise only what can be Avoid Foreign Alliances
The Republican party opposes any alliance or commitment by the United States with any foreign power or powers that imperils the liberty or abridges the sovereignty of this country, or any entangling siliances that would involve the people of this country in the disputes and wars of foreign nations and require the sending of our soldiers into distant lands to light the battles of peoples with whom we have no concern.—Cassius. ism. We premise only what can be done in the exercise of the powers conferred upon the Federal government by the Constitution." W. F. THOMAS.

161 South Arlington Avenue, East Orange, N. J.

Womanhood Proved Its Value to America By Heroism in War

We pledge our party that there will be no class legislation, but that our government is maintained under our Constitution, each department functioning strictly within its own limits. In other words, we must establish what we have learned to look upon as an American government, a government which our forefathers fought for and which we must have if we are to preserve our liberties and he prosperous and nappy and respected.—Emmett S. Walden, Box 452, Stigler, Okla. The Republican party is unalterably opposed to government ownership of public industries. We propose to set ourseives earnestly to the solution of the railroad problem and all ether problems of a similar nature. Fair and impartial Federal regulation as opposed to paternalism will be the watchword of the Republican administration. Every provision will be made for "a just return on real investment with reasonable assurances for essential development and extensions." W. L. Mason, 804 Wilshire Boulsvard, Santa Monica, Calif. indescribable heroism of our mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts during the World War have demonstrated that the American woman is entitled to all rights and privileges enjoyed by the American man.

JEROME L. MYERS.
618 Conneil Building, Scranton, Pa.

Three Sides to Unrest

To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Three sides are to be considered in the adjustment of the misusderstandings between labor and capital. Such a relation must be established between these two forces in out industrial life as will result in not Praise of a "Thinker"

A Barrier to Progress industrial life as will result in new and permanent conditions of traptors at Washington deserves our gratitude. This principle of America's "separateness," under the guidance of God, must be maintained for all time.

JAMES P. B. HYNDMAN.

Summer Training Camps

Physical and Moral Upbuilding of Boys and Girls Demanded and Moral Upbuilding of Boys and Girls Demanded.

A Barrier to Progress

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For the second best plank, 250.00

whole competition..... 100.00

selected for the price awards. Each plank is limited to 100 words Of two planks or letters of equal

April 30, 1920. Manuscripts will not

three of The Tribune's editors. They will base their decisions on sound thinking and brevity, clearness and

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For each of the eight next best planks 100.00 For the best letter a daily prize of..... For the best letter in the

The Tribune will make up a platform of ten planks to be astermined by your votes. The ten issues receiving the most votes will be the planks. The ten planks that best express the chosen issues will be

merit the shorter will be chosen. Every plank and letter must bear the name and address of the sender, although a nom de plume will be published if the writer desires. The contest will close at midnight

The judges of the contest will be

be returned.

With "Freedom" of Woman
To the Editor of The Tribune.
Sir: The Republican party's past
achievements justify confidence in its
future attainments. It stands for progress. Its drum beats are attuned to
the times. It is not unlooking the door
of the future with the rusty key of the
past. It proudly boasts "abolition of
slavery." It will soon acclaim "political freedom for American womanhood."
when it has secured ratification by the
thirty-sixth state.

It upholds Federal amendments, saying "above the state is the nation."
Its slogans are "nationalism versus
sectionalism"; "national unity and
uniformity"; political ideals, not political
greed; political patriots, not political
profiteers.

L. A. R. strongth of statement